

## City Neighborhood Council

### *MINUTES*

Monday, March 25, 2002

Voting Members: Stephen Lundgren (Ballard); Pete Spalding (Delridge Neighborhoods); Kate Joncas (Downtown); Janis Maloney (East); Chris Leman (Lake Union); Victor Barry (Queen Anne/Magnolia); Mike Thompson (North); Jim Simpkins (Northeast); Irene Wall (Northwest); Joan Jevnikar (Southeast)

Other District Council Members: Doug Lorentzen, NMF Committee Chair (Magnolia/Queen Anne); Joseph Smith (Citizens Implementation Review Panel – CIRP)

Other City Staff: Grace Crunican (Seattle Transportation)

Department of Neighborhoods Staff: Brent Crook, Randy Wiger, and Karen Ko (Department of Neighborhoods)

Kate Joncas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

#### **Review Agenda/Approve Minutes**

The agenda was revised to include an action item under Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee — a motion to approve members of the Citywide Review Team.

Minutes from the February 25 meeting were corrected as follows: Janice Maloney should be Janis Maloney. On the first page, under the listing of District Council priorities: the Magnolia/Queen Anne section should read: “improved coordination between City departments on projects; athletic fields with lighting; and lack of cooperation with the Parks Department.” **Mike Thompson moved and Jim Simpkins seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Update from the Chair**

Kate observed that the CNC is about one-third of the way through the year and this seemed a good time to review progress to date on work the CNC had set for itself this year. 1) City Budget issues — the budget conference is in the works and is scheduled to take place in less than a month. 2) The statement of legislative intent related to the Neighborhood Matching Fund — Kate asked about a resolution? 3) CNC Planning Committee working in conjunction with the Neighborhood Plan Implementation Advisory Committee — one co-chair, Cindi Barker, has been identified and the CNC co-chairs are talking with another person.

Kate handed out a summary of the District Council priorities as they had been reported at the last meeting, per Mayor Nickels’ request. The remaining task is for each District Council to identify its top priority to be submitted to and adopted by the Mayor (per Tim Ceis at February meeting). Before the next CNC meeting, Kate agreed to e-mail a reminder to all representatives about this task.

#### **Ten Minutes to a Better Board**

Randy Wiger, Department of Neighborhoods, led the group through an exercise of observing a couple of meeting scenarios and distributed a simplified version of Robert’s Rules. In response to Victor Barry’s request, Department of Neighborhoods will locate a version of Sturgis’ rules for running meetings.

#### **Guest Speaker: Grace Crunican, Director, Seattle Transportation Department**

A round of introductions was made. Grace has now been working eight weeks. She has met many staff, both in her department and others, but has been to a limited number of community meetings. She is trying to get a grasp on all the City projects as well as other jurisdictions. Responsiveness to neighborhoods and plan implementation are priorities for her while she seeks to understand the context in which those plans and projects fit. While there is a role for the ombudsmen in the department, Grace believes that every employee of the department needs to be an ombudsman. She announced that she would be designating department representatives to be liaisons to the neighborhoods (names not yet disclosed).

Sub-area analysis, e.g., looking at Fremont, must include also looking at the core both north and south of Fremont. These subarea analyses may cost upwards of \$150,000 to do. The City is behind in signalization.

Question and Answers: the Neighborhood Street Fund needs to be retained. Some neighborhoods do work closely with others. Some of the Strategic Planning Office staff are invaluable and need to stay. Working with other jurisdictions will be a challenge. Grace: The City needs to decide what its goals are — and whatever the goals are, transportation is then developed to address that. Sub-area plans should assume the comprehensive plan or land use plan first.

## **Committee Reports and Operations**

### Neighborhood Planning Committee

- Cindi Barker is willing to be co-chair. Lisa Merki might consider being co-chair. Stephen distributed the comprehensive plan amendments to as many people as possible.
- Discussion about the availability of census data. Could Sector Managers help access this information? Between June and September, a list of products should be out.

### Budget Committee

- Reconfirmation of CIRP representatives: **Stephen Lundgren moved to re-confirm Monica Moravik and Ellen Judson to the Citizens Implementation Review Panel. Doug Lorentzen seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**
- Budget Conference: The final agenda was reviewed. Stephen asked for more income generation for the Capital Improvement Project budget. After the budget conference in April, the CNC will craft their response to the budget (May/June). Chris Leman asked why Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is absent from the conference. Several expressed the opinion that City Light and SPU need to be part of any City budget discussion. Other reps expressed the urgency of SPU/City Light being engaged in these discussions. A complementary conference was suggested. **Doug Lorentzen moved that the CNC spend a significant amount of time (20 minutes) at the next meeting related to a utilities discussion and an upcoming conference. Chris Leman seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention (Mike Thompson/North.)** No one from the utilities will be invited to attend. Pete Spalding asked for any information to prep beforehand.

### Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee

- Doug reported that staff agreed to present their comments on applications in writing to save time during the review process.
- Twice a year, the CNC must approve the membership of the Citywide Review Team. A list of members was distributed. Brent points out that one of the members of the CRT is a student from O'Dea High School. This is a first. **Doug moved and Chris seconded the motion to approve the list. Motion passed.**

## **New Business**

- The Executive Committee meeting will be listed under reminders — next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the East Precinct. Items to be discussed should be e-mailed to Kate Joncas, [kate@downtownseattle.org](mailto:kate@downtownseattle.org) (please copy to Sandy Brooks, [sandy.brooks@ci.seattle.wa.us](mailto:sandy.brooks@ci.seattle.wa.us)), 24 hours prior to the Executive Committee meeting time.
- Irene and Kate want to visit all the District Councils.
- The CNC is considering moving the regular meeting to the West Precinct. One meeting needs to be held in the City Council Chambers on TV.
- Stephen announced that the website is up and running. Links to all district councils are set but we still need some member authorizations in order to post their names on the CNC and District Council pages!
- Mike Thompson reports that Margaret Pageler introduced a resolution to the Council that would amend the Northgate Plan and eliminate development plans. After lobbying from the owner of Northgate, a motion to postpone the vote was taken. The point here being that a key element of the plan, which had been developed and adopted after years, was now up for consideration. Chris suggested the CNC take a position on this. Mike doesn't think Margaret has the votes to pass the resolution, but thanked Chris.
- Chris suggested that the CNC focus on one district a month rather than the Round Robin approach.
- Northwest Neighborhood Gathering event is scheduled for March 28 at Woodland Park Zoo. Come hear about plan implementation progress in NW neighborhoods.
- Thinking about future meetings and extending invitations — the Mayor hasn't responded to the letter from Kate and Irene yet. Councilmember Nick Licata and Department of Neighborhoods Director Yvonne Sanchez will be invited to the April meeting.

**Doug moved to adjourn. Stephen seconded.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ko, Scribe; edit by Stephen Lundgren, CNC Secretary